

WILSON DRAWS NO. 322 OPENING GREAT LOTTERY

Ceremony Is More Military in Aspect Than Its Predecessor.

WILL OCCUPY 26 HOURS

Crowder Recalls Disappointment With System Used in Civil War.

Special Dispatch to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—Standing blindfold before Gen. Crowder's glass bowl at noon today in the big Republican caucus room in the Senate office building President Wilson reached in and drew from the mass of blue coated gelatin capsules No. 322. This was low enough to be found in every one of the 4537 draft districts and means that the holders of it will be No. 1 in whichever one of the five classes they may fall through the selective process.

Vice-President Marshall, who followed the President, drew No. 1277, which will be No. 2, and in only a small proportion of the districts has registration reached or exceeded that figure.

With the drawing of the first number by the President the greatest draft in the nation's history was under way, and will go on without a break until some time tomorrow afternoon, when the last of the 17,000 capsules will be reached at the bottom of the glass bowl. By that time each one of the 13,000,000 registrants of the class of September, 1918, will have his order of call determined for him.

Function Has Military Color.

Though lacking in the novelty of the first historic proceeding of the kind a year ago, today's ceremony took on added impressiveness from the presence of the President and an accompanying suite of military and naval officers, indicating the change that has come over the country since it called its first citizens to the colors.

President Wilson did not attend the first drawing, but out of compliment to Provost Marshall General Crowder, under whose hand the marvelous work of machinery for converting citizens into soldiers has been built up, he consented to play the role of performer in the national lottery of its kind to be held. A crowd containing many Senators and Representatives filled the room and saw the President set the machinery in motion.

The glass bowl with its bright blue capsules reposed on a blue covered table in the center of the big room. Alongside sat a row of soldiers at attention, while another soldier stood to the bowl, with a telephone strapped to his breast, telephoned each number as it was drawn directly to the Government Printing Office.

Careful Check on Numbers.

This was no numbers could be immediately set up and mailed at intervals to the district boards throughout the country as the master list. Those lists will be released tomorrow. As a check on these figures each number was posted on the blackboards and the boards photographed, so they could be compared with the numbers as set up at the printing office.

It lacked a few minutes of noon when the President and Mrs. Wilson entered the room. A minute or so later Gen. Crowder, gray and bearded, rose and made the only speech of the occasion. It was a short speech, but it lacked nothing in impressiveness for the assembled onlookers, coming from the assembly of America's armies.

"If we were proceeding in historical method," said Gen. Crowder, "we would be conducting in each of the districts a drawing of actual names. That was the old war method. It was received throughout the nation with ill grace. Each of these capsules represents a number. For example, if 150 is drawn first, the man who has that number in each of the districts will be given his priority of obligation, and if each number is called to a training camp. This method has worked successfully. It needs no explanation. We shall now proceed."

Historic Bandage Used.

With this introduction the paper cover of the bowl was broken and President Wilson was then escorted to the table and blindfolded by Capt. Charles R. Morris of Gen. Crowder's staff. A handkerchief and a special cloth was used, taken from the covering of one of the chairs used at the signing of the Declaration of Independence. A smile reached for the bowl but could not find it. Capt. Morris guided his hand to the bowl. Quickly picking up the first number, the President handed it to Gen. Crowder, who opened it himself. "Number three hundred and twenty-two," said the grizzled veteran, and the President smiled again and took his seat amid much handclapping.

Of the first seventeen numbers drawn the President's was the lowest, many of the others being too high to reach men from all of the draft districts. Vice-President Marshall drew 1277, Senator Soulebury (Del.) 6798, Speaker Clark (Mo.) 1027, Secretary Daniels (Cal.) 4148 and Assistant Secretary of War Crowell 1566. Senator Warren (Wyo.) drew 1927, Representative Dent (Ala.) 7173 and Representative Rahn (Cal.) 2741. There was a cheer when the soldierly form of Gen. March stepped to the bowl, but even the army's Chief of Staff did not succeed in breaking from the high numbers, for he drew out as No. 11,232.

Cheer for Gen. Crowder.

Admiral Benson and Lieut.-Gen. S. B. Young, a civil war veteran, followed with 6147 and 1006. When the onlookers saw Gen. Crowder arise to draw No. 14 they gave a cheer that equalled in volume that accorded the President. He drew 425, the first low number after the President's.

With these formalities concluded the draft resolved itself into the regular procedure it will follow until the last number is drawn, a blindfolded soldier picking up the capsules and handing them to four other soldiers standing opposite, who called the numbers in turn. This operation regularly repeated until, without cessation through to-night, and until the bowl has been emptied. Approximately sixteen and a half hours were consumed in the first day of the present one is expected to take at least twenty-six hours.

Two Murderers Recaptured.

Chicago, Sept. 30.—Earl Dear and Lloyd Bopp, condemned murderers, who several weeks ago escaped from jail, were captured by the police rifle squad to-night without a struggle. After the fugitives had been surrounded in the apartment of a relative they walked out with their hands above their heads and surrendered.

First 100 Numbers in Draft Lottery

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—Following is the order of the first one hundred numbers drawn to-day in the new draft lottery, reading left to right:

322	7,277	6,708	1,027
16,169	8,366	5,366	1,697
7,123	2,781	9,283	6,147
10,086	438	904	12,368
1,523	3,808	6,360	3,748
6,640	1,240	16,846	
1,907	12,521	6,593	9,841
3,072	13,728	20	6,857
1,255	14,122	11,101	2,132
10,762	3,235	739	16,657
6,809	4,948	8,772	7,034
535	8,691	11,060	8,858
219	16,518	4,287	12,839
10,491	72	11,338	832
14,023	14,043	964	
8,637	2,897	7,834	4,721
10,656	4,327	3,505	348
7,234	4	12,842	4,482
9,022	1,961	4,886	16,009
12,930	134	14,319	12,210
8,817	395	5,240	12,284
11,255	657	12,618	3,531
14,361	13,754	11,464	13,841
8,055	6,772	7,852	11,191
15,760	13,359	12,184	11,232

PARIS JUBILANT OVER VICTORIES

Belgian Success Comes as Great Surprise.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

PARIS, Sept. 30.—From the Year to the Meuse the allied offensive is developing in a way to thrill the Entente capitals. Never before have so many communiques echoed victorious advances as those that are pouring in hourly from every theatre of war.

The new state of things has changed the aspect of the Paris streets. Parisians in the cafes along the boulevards are rejoicing as never before since the war started. In addition to the great number of surprises already provided new ones are expected every moment. King Albert's gains on the German positions in Belgium were a great surprise to Paris. So little had been heard of the Belgians that in the great rush of the French they had been forgotten.

The French critics in their review of the military events of the last few days, say Gen. Ludendorff had sensed this generation ago and that in one of his battle orders he plainly permitted it to be supposed that he was aware of our preparations.

Then came the spectacle of the enemy patching up and reconstructing divisions, removing certain fatigued ones from the lines and replacing them with others that had been held in reserve. The belief is unanimous among the critics that the conditions of the enemy's effectiveness has reached an alarmingly low stage.

REPORTS GERMAN VANDALISM.

Harvard Librarian Returns From Scenes of "Devilishness."

Dr. Benjamin Rand, librarian of Harvard University, arrived at an Atlantic port yesterday from Europe, where whatever admiration he may have had for Germany was completely destroyed by what he learned of their handiwork in France and Belgium.

The instance of Chateau Fere at Peronne, France, he said, "affords a typical example of German devilishness. This beautiful chateau had been the headquarters of a German General and his staff. When they were obliged to leave they not only pillaged it but left it a diabolical death trap."

"The entire chateau was wired in such a way that a tug upon any one of the wires would have set off three tons of high explosives. The trap failed because of the skill of American engineers."

The British ship on which Dr. Rand returned brought 401 prisoners, among them E. H. Sotherton, who has been entertaining American soldiers abroad; Capt. Bruce Bairnsfather of the Royal Yorkshires, a cartoonist, whose work is well known in this country; Sir Robert A. Falconer, president of Toronto University; and Sir Arthur Yapp, head of the Y. M. C. A. in England, who is here to work for the Liberty Loan and later for the war fund drive of the Y. M. C. A.

MINNESOTA IS IN DRYDOCK.

Hole Torn by Mine Extended From Armor Belt to Keel.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—The battleship Minnesota, which struck a mine yesterday off the Atlantic coast, has arrived safely at a naval station and is now in drydock, the Navy Department announced today.

Latest reports from the commander of the Minnesota confirmed earlier statements that no one was injured in the accident. The explosion tore a hole in the starboard bow, forty-five feet from the ram and extending forty feet. The hole, it was found on examination in drydock, had been torn from the bottom of the armor belt almost to the keel of the ship.

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PRESIDENT FAILS IN SUFFRAGE PLEA

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Prepared address denouncing suffrage and Senators Shields and Overman reiterated in private their intention to vote against the Anthony amendment. Senator Benardine, in today's session, and before the arrival of the President, reiterated his opposition by an elaboration of the speech delivered by him Saturday. The President reached his determination to address the Senate on the subject of suffrage late yesterday afternoon. It was not until after dinner that he retired to his study and began the composition of what was probably the most important contribution to pro-suffrage literature ever penned, and what is like one of the most important writings dealing with the domestic problem to which the President has set his hand since the entrance of America into the war.

Whether or not any of the suffragists were let into the secret last night is not known; at any rate for most of them the announcement made at the White House at 10 o'clock that the President would appeal in person to the Senate came as a complete surprise.

The arrival of the President at the Senate chamber following his visit to the White House was the occasion of much ceremony. Senators almost to a man were in their places. Through almost all the members of the House filled the open spaces of the Senate almost to suffocation. A row of chairs had been placed for the Cabinet members in front of the bluffer of the Democratic bank. The President's entry was dignified by handclapping, both from the floor and in the gallery, which the presiding officer made no effort to check. It subsided when the President stepped to the side with his manuscript and began the reading of his address.

Opponents Become Active.

The Senators had risen to greet him. They remained seated during the reading and arose to bow him forth at its conclusion. It was almost a fatality that the committee of four Senators appointed to escort the Chief Magistrate to the Senate Chamber should have been composed of three of the bitterest opponents of suffrage in the Senate. They were Senators Martin (Va.), Overman (N. C.) and Lodge (Mass.). Only Senator Underwood was a suffragist in the Executive escort.

The President spoke as follows: "Gentlemen of the Senate: The circumstances of a world war in which we stand and are judged in the view not only of our own people and our own consciences but in the view of all nations and peoples, will, I hope, justify your thought, as it does in mine, the message I have come to bring you."

"I regard the concurrence of the Senate in the constitutional amendment proposing the extension of the suffrage to women as vitally essential to the successful prosecution of the great war of humanity in which we are engaged. I have come to urge upon you the considerations which have led me to that conclusion. It is not only my privilege, it is also my duty, to apprise you of every circumstance, and element involved in this momentous struggle which seems to me to be a very proper process, and its outcome, it is my duty to win the battle, and to ask you to remove every obstacle that stands in the way of winning it."

I had assumed that the Senate would concur in the amendment because no disputable principle is involved, but only a question of the method by which the suffrage is to be extended to women. There is and can be no party issue involved in it. Both of our great national parties are pledged, explicitly pledged, to equality of suffrage for the women of the country. Neither party, therefore, it seems to me, can justify hesitation as to the method of obtaining it, can rightfully hesitate to substitute Federal initiative for State initiative. If the early adoption of this measure is necessary to the successful prosecution of the war and if the method of State action proposed in the party platforms of 1912 is impracticable within any reasonable length of time, if practical at all, and its adoption is, in my judgment, clearly necessary to the successful prosecution of the war and the successful realization of the objects for which the war is being fought."

All Look to Democracy.

That judgment I take the liberty of urging upon you with solemn earnestness for reasons which I shall state

very frankly and which I shall hope will seem as conclusive to you as they seem to me.

This is a people's war and the people's thinking constitutes its atmosphere and morale, not the predilections of the drawing room or the political considerations of the caucus. If we be indeed democrats and wish to leave the world to democracy, we must seek other peoples to accept in proof of our sincerity and our ability to lead them whither they wish to be led nothing less persuasive and convincing than our actions. Our professions will not suffice. Verification must be forthcoming when verification is asked for. And in this case verification is asked for—asked for in this particular matter. You ask by whom? Not through diplomatic channels; not by foreign ministers. Not by the intimations of parliament. It is asked for by the anxious, expectant, suffering peoples with whom we are dealing and who are willing to sacrifice and to die in some measure in our hands, if they are sure that we wish with the same that they do.

I do not speak my conjecture. It is not alone the voices of statesmen and of newspapers that reach me, and the voices of foolish and intemperate agitators do not reach me at all. Through many, many channels I have been made aware what the plain, struggling, workaday folk are thinking, upon the chief terror and suffering of this tragic war falls. They are looking to the great, powerful, famous democracy of the West to lead them to the new day for which they have so long waited, and they think in their logical simplicity, that democracy means that women shall play a part in affairs alongside men and that the chief terror and suffering of this tragic war falls upon us. We reject measures like this in ignorance of what a new age has brought forth, of what they have seen but we have the right to believe in us; they will cease to follow or to trust us.

They have seen their own Governments accept this interpretation of democracy—seen old Governments like that of Great Britain, which did not profess to be democratic, promise refusal of suffrage to women, and then, though they had before refused it, the strange revelations of this war have made many things new and plain to Governments, as well as to people.

Are we alone to refuse to learn the lesson? Are we alone to ask and take the utmost that we can give in service and sacrifice of every kind—and still say we do not see what title that gives them to stand by our sides in the guidance of the affairs of their nation and ours? We have made partners of the women in this war; shall we admit them only to a partnership of suffering and sacrifice and toll and not to a partnership of privilege and right? This war could not have been fought either by the other nations engaged or by America if it had not been for the services of the women—services rendered in every sphere—not merely in the fields of efforts in which they have been active in the home, but wherever men have worked and upon the very skirts and edges of the battle itself. We shall not only be distracted by the loss of their confidence, but we shall be disgraced if we do not enfranchise them with the fullest possible enfranchisement, as it is now certain that the other nations will enfranchise them. We cannot solve our thought and action in such a matter from the thought of the rest of the world. We must either conform or deliberately reject what they propose and resign the leadership of liberal minds to others.

Vital to Winning of the War.

The women of America are too noble and too intelligent and too devoted to be slackers whether you give or withhold this thing that is mere justice, but I know the magic it will work in their thoughts and spirits if you give it to them. It is true that I would propose to admit soldiers to the field for our liberties and the liberties of the world were the excluded. The tasks of the women lie at the very heart of the war, and I know now much stronger that heart will beat if you do this just thing and show our women that you trust them as much as you in fact and of necessity depend upon them.

Have I said that the passage of this amendment is clearly necessary to the measure, and do you need further proof? Do you stand in need of the trust of other peoples and of the trust of our own women? Is that trust and asset or is it not? I tell you plainly, as the commander in chief of our armies and of the gallant men in our ranks, as the president of the people of this people in our dealings with the men and women throughout the world who are now our partners, as the responsible head of a great Government, I tell you that the passage of this amendment is clearly necessary to the measure, and do you need further proof? Do you stand in need of the trust of other peoples and of the trust of our own women? Is that trust and asset or is it not? 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